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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 831
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A RESOLUTION to designate the week of April 5-11, 2002 as
"Wild Turkey Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Middle Tennessee is one of the foremost big game hunting areas in all of Tennessee, with some of the state's largest populations of Eastern Wild Turkey inhabiting the counties of Giles, Maury, Lawrence, Marshall and Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, for decades Tennessee sportsmen have contributed countless hours of support and many thousands of dollars to successfully restoring the Eastern Wild Turkey to this state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee hunters are expected to harvest a record number of turkeys in 2002, as the state's wild turkey population continues to increase and prosper in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen will gather on April 6, 2002, at the inaugural Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt to celebrate the successes restoration of wild turkey in Giles, Maury, Lawrence, Marshall and Lincoln counties, while also raising funds for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, this legislative body recognizes that our response to meritorious efforts such as wild turkey restoration plays an important role in the development and preservation of the native wildlife of this great state; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to join forces with sportsmen, wildlife officials, and interested citizens throughout Tennessee to observe "Wild Turkey Week"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the week of April 5-11, 2002, as "Wild Turkey Week" in Tennessee, in commendation of Tennessee sportsmen for their dedication to wildlife and the restoration of the Eastern Wild Turkey to this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we specially thank the sportsmen and landowners in Giles, Maury, Lawrence, Marshall and Lincoln counties for their extraordinary dedication to improving the future for wildlife by volunteering their time and expertise to the Governor's One-Shot Turkey Hunt and to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.